

## Williamson Recycles Provides a Holiday Recycling Guide

The holiday season provides us with traditions that leave us with warm memories and unique recycling questions. Many Williamson County residents and businesses will soon be wondering how to recycle the Christmas tree, holiday cards, gift wrapping paper, and packaging materials including cardboard and Styrofoam.

Williamson Recycles and Keep Williamson Beautiful have the answers to these recycling questions. Please use the following information and resources to be an earth-friendly steward.

For the used Christmas tree, Williamson County's Convenience Centers always have a roll off bin for clean yard waste. After removing all the decorations, nails, and tinsel, the tree can be taken to your nearest Convenience Center where it will become future mulch.

The cities of Franklin, Fairview, and Brentwood have scheduled special tree drop off locations at local parks. If you live in the City of Franklin, there is even curbside pickup for your used tree.

Gift wrapping paper, unless it is a foil paper, can be recycled with mixed paper. Please remove bows, tape, and stickers.

Break down cardboard boxes and recycle them.

Styrofoam packing peanuts are a reusable product. The UPS stores in the Franklin area accept Styrofoam peanuts and reuse them. The Mallory Lane, UPS Store will be ready handle the onslaught of holiday "peanuts" starting Dec. 24. The Fieldstone Parkway UPS Store accepts both biodegradable and Styrofoam packing peanuts. Most UPS stores reuse the "peanuts", but policies and practices can vary from store to store.

White block Styrofoam can be taken to the EFP Corp. in Nashville at 431 Allied Drive. The EFP Corporation does not recycle packing peanuts, contaminated Styrofoam, or Styrofoam food containers.

St Jude's has a year-round card recycling program where birthday, thank you, and holiday cards are remade into a new card as a fundraising project to benefit the hospital. Learn more about this card reuse program at <http://www.stjudesranch.org/shop/recycled-card-program>.

Williamson Recycles and Keep Williamson Beautiful will be available at 786-0166 for your questions. Our website will provide even more information at [www.keepwilliamsonbeautiful.org](http://www.keepwilliamsonbeautiful.org) and [www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/solid.waste.management](http://www.williamsoncounty-tn.gov/solid.waste.management).

With your participation thousands of pounds of waste will be diverted from the landfill. This is something everyone can feel good about for the new year.